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So although we were late in the process, at that point we did report a bill out unanimously. What we've done is we've taken that language and offered to this bill. It says essentially this, if you've got an individual policy, if you've got a self-funded group policy, you will cover an adopted child just like you would a biological child and at the same time immediately upon adoption. Now it is possible, and this is true for regular coverage, that if you have a special condition, you can change costs based on what those conditions are, but that rule would be the same for any child, biological or adopted. So there isn't the choice of rejecting the adopted child, that's off. Secondly, there is no delay, that's off. What is still there is what you would be able to do in the law, which is to have a higher premium based on a risk factor if a child was sick. That's...that's still a possibility. But it also does away with the thought that you could come into this family with a preexisting condition and the child, because of the 15 day delay, and have biological children treated better than adopted children. I would ask for the return of LB 1253 for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Debate on the motion to return to Select File LB 1253. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close. Senator Landis waives closing. The question is, shall LB 1253 be returned to Select File for specific amendment. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is returned to Select File. Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on AM3005.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment as I have described it to the body.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. Debate. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close. Senator Landis waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM3005 to LB 1253. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.